



Appendix C: Dropout Reason Codes

CODE	NAME	DEFINITION
01	Academic Difficulty	The student left school because of academic difficulty or lack of engagement.
02	Attendance Difficulty	The student left school because of difficulty with attendance/absenteeism and credit policy.
03	Economic Reasons	The student left school because of economic reasons, including inability to pay school expenses and inability of parents to provide suitable clothing.
04	Employment	The student left school to seek or accept employment, including employment required to support parents or other dependents.
05	Expelled	The student was required to leave school by action of the board of trustees, and will not be allowed to return, or did not return after the expulsion period ended.
06	Illness	The student left school because of illness.
07	Job Corps or Similar Program	The student left school to join the Job Corps or similar program.
08	Language Difficulty	The student left school because he or she was experiencing difficulty with language.
09	Marriage	The student left school because of marriage.
10	Military	The student left school to join the military.
11	Needed at Home	The student left school to help with work at home, including work on the family farm.
12	Over Compulsory Age	The student left school because he or she was over the age that a student is legally required to attend school (the latter of age 16 or 8 th grade completion).
13	Pregnancy	The student left school because of pregnancy.
14	Poor Personal Relationships	The student left school because of poor personal relationships with students, teachers and/or administrators.
15	Reached Maximum Age Set by District Policy	The student reached the maximum age of attendance as determined by school district policy.
16	Other Known Reason	The student left school, or was required to leave, for some known reason other than those listed.
17	Unknown Reason	The student left school for a reason which is not known.
18	GED (Pursuing)	The student left school to obtain a GED (not including school approved GED programs).
19	Suspended, Did Not Return	The student was suspended, but did not return after the suspension ended.



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20	Harassment/Feeling Unsafe at School	The student left school because they felt threatened, harassed or unsafe.
21	Entered Adult Correctional Facility	The student left school to enter an adult correctional facility and is not expected to return.
22	Lack of Childcare	The student left school because he or she could not find appropriate child care for a dependent.
23	Completed GED	The student completed GED instead of completing school.
ALL DROPOUT CODES REQUIRE ZERO PADDING		